

WAR ISSUE HANGS ON WINTER CAMPAIGN

Movements in Russia Will Be Decisive, Says Military Critic.

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(Editor of the Fall Staff Gazette.)
London, Sept. 12.—In the latest things have happened with a vengeance and with such significance for the war as a whole that the conflict has entered on another phase. The issue is no longer one of changes in the higher commands just when the shortage of munitions is beginning to be remedied and by a patriotic uprising in Russia.

The Russian dynasty has all at stake and the czar might well reserve his intervention for a supreme moment when his advisers were convinced the turning point was at hand. With the lengthening of the enemy's lines of communication and the weather growing worse, the advance of the invaders must in any case become slower and more careful and yet more hazardous, while their troops are indeed and their exhausted units are filled out again with inferior drafts. Wearing wastage will tell upon their immense masses of material, and as the country is ruthlessly laid bare as they advance they must bring up their own supplies.

Their difficulties for a month to come, now that the rains have set in, must be even more terrible than may be the case during the subsequent frost. The czar must have taken the field in reasonable confidence, not only of a complete ultimate victory, but of early success, which would at least put a halt to the German advance.

Do the Russians intend to make a stand and accept battle with all its risks and chances at a much earlier date than was expected? Is it contemplated to use more aggressive tactics in defense? We soon shall see. Much depends on the supply of munitions. The Russian retreat yet reached its limit on any sector. These are movements of seeming menace; mutinously, by wedge and mallet tactics, at all main points on the long Russian front or just behind it, but what is the German main plan on the theory favored at Petrograd is to aim in the first place at all the chief railway knots between Riga and Rowno and possess themselves of all cross lines between these places and the region behind them.

Then they would have new facilities for a lateral movement as well as for forward operations and the backward traffic by commandeering the whole western mesh of Russian railways. Whether the Germans intend thereafter to menace Petrograd in earnest or to extend their operations to the North while pushing south toward Kieff, the Black Sea and the Balkans is still in doubt. These questions involve some of the most momentous issues raised in all the war. But we must wait a few weeks before we can draw sure conclusions about plans or prospects. The Russian's ordeal is terrible; her necessity extreme.

Official War Statement.

Rome, Sept. 12.—Today's official report: Along the Trent-Trentino-Garda fronts there were continued and active actions. Fog is impeding operations. The Austrians continue to fire on the villages behind our lines, on the summit of Montebello.

On the evening of the 10th the Austrians attempted to attack our positions east of the Stankov Valley. They were put to flight after a violent bayonet encounter.

In the Tolmino sector following our attack on Sanguarria Thursday large detachment of the enemy went from the Jomjoko Valley toward Tolmino. Our aviators have ascertained that the Austrians are constructing new defenses of a permanent character and that no contingents of troops are arriving with much artillery. Our aeroplanes successfully bombarded an Austrian encampment. The Austrians bombarded Molcaro basin, damaging some vessels.

Constantinople (via Berlin and London), Sept. 12.—Today's official report: On the Anafarta front our artillery has destroyed some of the enemy's munition carts and bombarded the enemy trenches. Two enemy cruisers unsuccessfully bombarded our trenches at Sedd-el-Bahr. Berlin (via Amsterdam), Sept. 12.—Today's official report:

During Saturday night the London docks and their environs were successfully bombarded. Russian aeroplanes hurled bombs at a German cruiser off Windau. The bombs missed their target.

One of the Russian aeroplanes was brought down and the crew taken to Windau as prisoners.

CHURCH CORNER STONE LAID.

Bishop Harding Unable to Attend St. Andrew's Ceremony.

The corner stone of the new St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Church, at New Hampshire avenue and V street, was laid yesterday. In the absence of Bishop Alfred Harding, the services were conducted by Rev. Dr. J. J. Hinson, pastor, who was authorized by the bishop to lay the stone.

Rev. Randolph H. McKim delivered the address. He congratulated the parish upon its progress in constructing the new church and declared the site was admirable. Rev. W. O. Boone, Jr., of Anacostia, assisted in the exercises. Clergymen from all over the city were present. The church is to cost \$250,000, and completed by December 15, if the contract is fulfilled. The plans are for Gothic architecture.

Russian Aristocracy Aiding in Hospital Work

The picture shows Mme. Verofkin, wife of the governor general of Vilna, with her staff of war nurses. Mme. Verofkin's two daughters are on the staff. Vilna was a large hospital base of the Russians, but the wounded have been moved farther back.



WHEN A MAN IS MARRIED

BY ONE WHO IS

Vacation in La Mancha.

For weeks Myra and I kept city passenger and ticket agents busy figuring out excursion-trip routes. We said we wanted a glimpse of the lovely goddess who guards the liberty of Morgankunloeb City, and might take a ramble through Central Park and the Flannellworth Building. We were anxious to go in swimming at the place where once the Plymouths rocked the tea-boat off Beaurh, and hoped we wouldn't have to miss seeing the empty Bryan juice bottles at Wilkinton, D. C., or the fig leaves of Skintown-by-the-Bathing-Beach. Finally, after much laborious effort, the agent of the Glorious Western got our short course in geography lined up, at an estimated expense of \$2.25 each, including borths, meals and tips. My vacation of two weeks on full pay had arrived.

And now, kind reader, we will hurry through the hamlet by the drainage canal, which contains nothing of special interest except the whiskers of J. Ham Lewis, and on past Tomjohnsontown, past Carnegieburgh, into the glorious metropolis of Moneyville, where they count the returns from that enterprising traffic in war supplies and death.

The golden sun of arrived authors was sticking into the golden West of the steamer side, behind the lady who holds aloft the torch that tells the down-trodden alien to "come on in, the work is fine, and watch Rockefeller enjoy the peace and liberty of this star-spangled-banners country of ours."

"Isn't it wonderful, Myra?" I said. "Shouldn't we be proud of our native land, where so much good is being done—in Fifth avenue—for the noodels? The torch you goddess holds on high is indeed an inspiration. It is—"

"What's the matter with you, Robert?" broke in Myra. "Can't you see that we have reached the junction of Coon River and Rattlesnake creek? Be careful or you'll run into that tree!"

"Ah, here we are!" I exclaimed, at sight of the lofty Flannellworth. "See that wonderful building?"

"Methinks Don Robert Quixote labors under a misapprehension," quoth my faithful squires. "That is merely the entrance to Creekview Amusement Park."

"Surely, thou'rt mistaken, my good Panik," I replied gravely. "That there is the—"

"Ticket booth," said S. P. Myra. In vain I argued; my squires would not have it otherwise, and so, in pity for her sad plight, but determined not to miss the joys of vacation time, I insisted that Rozinante head for Beaurh. A day or so later, we were out looking at the place where they dumped the tea so long ago, in lieu of which nifty diversion they now dump death-dealing cannons on the shores of that country which owned the tea they dumped so long ago.

"Isn't this splendid?" I said, hoping

WANDERLUSTERS VISIT FAMOUS OLD SPRING

Hikers Enjoy Cold Water at "Clean-Drinking Manor" After Walk From Chevy Chase Circle.

Despite the intense heat of the last week, Wanderlusters who hiked through the region west of Chevy Chase Circle yesterday afternoon said the first signs of fall were apparent in the wooded country. The leaves have begun to change color, they report.

The hikers left Chevy Chase Circle at 2 o'clock, headed by Walter W. Palmer and C. M. Stearns, and proceeded to "Clean-Drinking Manor," about a quarter of a mile. Col. Joseph I. Keefe related the history of the old manor from the date of its erection, 123. He told of how Gen. Washington stopped there for several days on his way back to Alexandria after the Indians had defeated Gen. Braddock.

A clear, cold spring still bubbles at the old manor. Col. Keefe told the party the place was named after the spring by a group of surveyors who discovered it after going many hours without water.

The hikers partook of the water and continued on their jaunt in the direction of Glen Echo Heights, a thickly wooded region that sheltered them from the heat. At Glen Echo Heights they took cars for home.

JOHN D. DECORATED.

Serbian Grand Cross Conferred for Work of Foundation.

Nish, Serbia, Sept. 12.—The decoration of the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Sava has been conferred upon John D. Rockefeller in recognition of the relief work done by the Rockefeller Foundation in Serbia.

Dr. Richard P. Strong, head of the American Sanitary Commission in Serbia, on leaving the country was made a Grand Officer of the Order of St. Sava by the Prince Regent.

"Penny" is really a survival of the English "pun," a corruption of "pound."

"England Asleep," Says Amazon In N. Y. Resting from War

New York, Sept. 12.—Mrs. Bartlett Boder, one of the first American women to drive an ambulance in the European war, arrived in New York today. She told thrilling stories of her few months at the front.

Mrs. Boder is a New Yorker, but she is going back to England before Christmas. "I can't keep away," she declared. "It is all so fascinating. It lays its spell on you; the soldiers in their uniforms, the gay bands, the great camps, the air of expectancy for whatever the day may bring."

Mrs. Boder is 35 years old and a great athlete. She runs a car and knows more about the mechanism than most men do. When the war broke out she was living in France, but went to England and offered her services as an ambulance driver. She wears the regulation uniform with breeches and an army coat when in service.

"I have been as far front as any woman dare go," she said. "I have been to the principal battle hospitals in France. I have carried wounded soldiers from the battle front but the thing I want the most of anything is to drive the great army trucks which carry provisions to men. I could do it too, just as well as any 'Tommy.' Only it takes the red-taped English government so long to get it through its funny British head. We women who wanted to do things have actually had to beg to be allowed freedom of all service."

"England is still asleep," Mrs. Boder continued. "As a fighter the average Englishman is a topping success, but he wants to do the proper thing even at the battle front. Why, I have seen boys work and pull every string they could get in one of the so-called 'Royal' regiments, especially the gunners' corps. They knew it meant certain death, but they did it because they were the swifter regiment of a certain battalion."

"England is not uneasy. England doesn't yet know she is fighting for her life. Some of her wisest people sit back and just watch events in self-righteous complacency."

"If a Zeppelin raid really did get to Trafalgar Square it would be the best thing that could happen to England. Nothing but German bombs dropped at the very doorsteps over and over again will arouse the men of England to united effort."

"The common people in England do not care a continental about the war and they do not hesitate to say so. They know how much depends on them and they are making a great show of parading their importance. They take the whole sidewalk—the laborers seem to gloat over the number of royal families and the nobility who have been killed."

"Sure—it's their right, let them go to it—is their attitude. The nobles, they say, are fighting for their castles and their land. We have nothing, so we won't fight. That's why England will have to resort to conscription."

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Weather Bureau Says Wind Will Change and Relieve City—One Prostration Reported.

Warm weather for the next thirty-six hours, after which the mercury will begin to drop, is the forecast of the Weather Bureau. Fair weather for today, with no change in temperature and light, variable winds, is the prediction.

The hot weather is due to a wind from the South, the bureau states. The wind is to change by Wednesday, the bureau asserts, and will blow from the north. Then cool weather will arrive.

The maximum temperature recorded yesterday by the bureau was 89. In Pennsylvania avenue, the thermometer recorded about 92. In New York, the temperature was 78, other North Atlantic cities and States having about the same record.

One heat prostration was reported yesterday. Herbert Sawyer, 36, of Silver Springs, Md., was overcome at Georgia avenue and Shepard road. He returned home following treatment by physicians.

ELKS ENJOY CLAM BAKE AND TRIP DOWN RIVER

Five Hundred in Excursion on Steamer St. Johns—Stop at River View for Feast.

More than 500 Elks yesterday enjoyed an outing on the Potomac River on the steamer St. Johns and at a clam bake at River View, Md.

The club left here at 10 o'clock and steamed forty miles down the river. Early in the afternoon the Elks again boarded the steamer for a ride to Indian Head. They returned here at 8 o'clock last night.

Sports formed the chief amusement at the resort, before and after the bake. Late in the afternoon the Elks again boarded the steamer for a ride to Indian Head. They returned here at 8 o'clock last night.

Half the land in the Chugach national forest of Alaska has been reopened to public entry. The tract released is traversed by the line of the new government railroad, but is not particularly rich with timber, while the other half, still closed, bears 8,000,000,000 feet of that invaluable resource.



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